

Sunday School Girl, 12, Is "Poetess Laureate"

Miss Virginia Main Writes
Original Poem, "The Origin
of the Poinsettia."

SET TO MUSIC IN PLAY

Fifteen Girls of Church of Ascen-
sion Stage Production With-
out Outside Help.

Washington has a "poetess laureate." A poetess at the age of twelve. Such is the attainment of Miss Virginia Main, of Washington, who is one of the fifteen bright young girls of the "Ascension Singers," an organization of the Church of the Ascension.

Miss Main has written an original poem entitled "The Origin of the Poinsettia," which has been set to music by Miss Elizabeth Dayton and arranged as a play by Miss Dayton and Miss Laura Burton. The play was written and recited by Miss Main in the school hall at the church, where it was first given by the youthful players.

The girls in the cast, numbering fourteen, are all under fourteen years of age, and had no assistance from anyone in any part of their production. The whole work—the setting to music, the arranging as a play, the planning of it all—was the result of their own work. Their costumes, which they made themselves, presented their own conception of the various characters which Miss Main had portrayed in verse.

Fourteen in Cast.
The "Ascension Singers" is a new organization of which the church is proud. Its members include the fourteen girls who were in the cast, and Miss Lulu Warren, accompanist. They are:
Elizabeth Dayton, president; Clara M. Siskles, secretary; Laura Burton, corresponding secretary; Virginia Main, poetess laureate; Rachel Tyree, Margaret Pearson, Marie Smith, Katharine Dudley, Mildred Dulin, Elizabeth Kendrick, Elizabeth Duffy, Elizabeth Ramsey, Margaret Taylor, Winifred Youngs, and Lulu Warren, accompanist.

Miss Dayton and Miss Siskles promise to be the star soloists of the organization, Miss Dayton having a good soprano voice, and Miss Siskles a fine contralto.

The rector, the Rev. Dr. J. Henning Nelson, expressed pride in the present accomplishment of his young singers and greater hopes for their future.

Here's Her Poem.
"The Origin of the Poinsettia" is a wonderful accomplishment, Miss Main having had no assistance in its versification or any other part of it. It is a story in verse reflecting the child fancies, ably presented in all its simplicity by its youthful author. The verses written by Miss Main are as follows:

ACT I.
'Twas in the golden age of long ago,
When Gods and Goddesses still roamed the earth,
And lovely Nature held unchallenged sway,
And life was full of joy and song and mirth.

Down where the poppies tossed their scarlet heads,
And haunted out their glowing colors glad,
One summer eve, a lovely Grecian maid,
Was dancing with her love, a shepherd lad.
And Night, the ebullient Goddess of the skies,
With shadowy robe and flowing star-bound hair,
In whose dark orb mysterious shadow lies,
Stood afar off and watched the dancing pair.

But as they danced the daylight waned and faded,
And evening deepened into twilight gray,
Until, with many a sadly lingering glance,
The Grecian maiden tore herself away.
Then, sombre Night, with melody meadow,
And silvery song, her shadowy wings un-
furled,
Sang 'til each poppy dropped its weary head,
Then drew her mantle o'er the slumbering world.

The shepherd, too, o'ercome by earthly care,
Laid all the stars to sleep, and in his arms
Plunged himself down among the blossoms fair,
And soon was fast asleep among the flowers.

ACT II.
'Twas dawn and Day, upon the wings of light,
Swept through the dreaming meadows,
Blossoming fair,
Waking the radiant flowers from their sleep,
And spreading rosy beauty everywhere.

And after Day came Nature, queen of earth,
Thrilling with golden song the sunlit air,
Until the shepherd, waking from his dream,
Beheld a vision which was yet more fair.

She sang to him of love that cannot fade,
And joy and hope which are forever strong,
And straightway he loved the Grecian maid,
Charmed by the mystic beauty of her song.

They danced until at last the shepherd lad,
Must tend his flocks upon the mountain's height,
And so, with many a promise to return,
He said farewell unto the Queen of Light.

Then Night told Nature how the shepherd loved,
A lovely Grecian maid of mortal birth,
And angry Nature, in her vengeful wrath,
Caused a great storm to fall upon the earth.

And then she called the shepherd and his love,
And said unto the lad: "Well may'st thou fear,
Thou hast deceived the Goddess of the earth;
And now, Poinsettia, thou shalt pay full dear."

No longer shalt thou keep thy loving flocks
Or meet thy love, as in the days of old;
The tide of Night and Day will still be on,
But human ear shall hear thy voice no more.

For, though my curse shall cast thee from this earth,
Thou and thy love yet both will still live;
And bloom in glowing beauty, side by side,
When all the happy summer flowers are gone.



MISS VIRGINIA MAIN.

ACT III.
And now when winter, clad in silvery robes,
Glides through the lonely earth enveloped in snow,
She finds the gay Poinsettia blooming still,
In spite of icy blasts and winds that blow.

And lovely Nature sees her work, and smiles,
As in the wake of winter she doth glide,
For she hath given unto the earth a flower
To bloom forever more at Christmas tide.

Brooklyn Is Designated
Flagship for Cowles

The cruiser Brooklyn, flagship of Rear Admiral Schley at the battle of Santiago, has been designated as flagship of Admiral Cowles at the Asiatic station, and will relieve the cruiser Saratoga, which is to return home for overhaul. The Brooklyn is now on patrol duty off the Massachusetts coast.

Couple's Three Sons
All Born on Holidays

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 16.—At least three holidays have been eventful days for Mr. and Mrs. E. Lirette, who believe they have a record as a "patron" family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lirette have three sons, Edwin, Raymond, and Paul. Edwin came into the world one Christmas Day and Raymond was born while the world was busy celebrating Fourth of July. Paul, the last born, made his bow to the world February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

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RUTH PURCELL WINS TIMES BEAUTY PRIZE

Stenographer in A. F. of L. Of-
fices Declared Most Beautiful
Entrant in Contest.

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was taken to Luck's studio that the public might have several views of the successful contestant.

She Is 21 Years Old.
The National Capital Beauty is twenty-one years old. She was graduated in the class of 1912 at the Immaculate Conception Academy and was the honor student in the commercial course. She attended the academy for nearly ten years, following a shorter course of studies at St. Vincent's, now St. Patrick's school. Soon after her graduation she accepted a position as typist with the American Federation of Labor and every official and employee of headquarters. It is felt today, will be among the friends offering congratulations.

Miss Purcell has classic features which appealed from the first to the judges. At the same time, she is also a hit of the "popular type beauty" and appeals also to those not devoted exclusively to the classic type. She is a brunette, although not a pronounced one. Her skin is fair, her eyes large, dark, and expressive, her hair almost black, her teeth regular, firm and white, and the general contour of the face is winsome and full of character.

When the Beauty Editor called to tell

Miss Purcell of her selection she was overjoyed.
"It sounds too good to be true," she modestly exclaimed. "I know the trip will be a delightful one and I had longed to go to the exposition."

To Appear in "Movies."
While in the Far West, Miss Purcell, with other beauty winners from the various States, will visit Universal City, maintained by the Universal Film Corporation for the production of motion picture plays. Here she will have opportunity to take part in a real play of the screen and her face is one that will "screen well" in the language of the motion picture world. Someday she may become a great motion picture actress.

Miss Purcell's selection was made after the judges had eliminated all save a few photographs and asked to see the originals of the remaining pictures. Miss Purcell not only won from the standpoint of photographs, but from personal inspection.

The judges originally eliminated all save five pictures submitted in the contest. Hundreds of other pictures were inspected by the judges and put aside as not being of the winning class, although there were compliments for many girls who did not survive the first inspection.

Photographs only were considered, and the names of the contestants had no place in the award. When the girls later appeared for a personal interview, they were unknown by name to the judges. After selecting the five probabilities, five additional girls were requested to come before the judges for a personal inspection, as it was determined to give five others the benefit of the doubt. "First five" and so was that of Miss Purcell, who was declared to be the second choice of the judges.

Won Unanimous Vote.
The ten prospective winners went to the New Willard and met the judges before the award was made. The contest finally narrowed down to Miss Purcell and Miss Odell, and the former was later the recipient of a unanimous award. Miss Odell, a high school girl

of seventeen years, was admitted for her brilliant beauty, and received the second prize.

All of the photographs submitted to the Times were examined by a board of judges comprised of Mrs. Christian D. Hemmick, prominent in the social, artistic, and musical circles of Washington; Paul Bartlett, sculptor; Henri de Sibour, architect; Miss. All Kull Khan, wife of the Persian charge d'affaires; Miss Hazel Mackaye, sister of Percy Mackaye, the poet-dramatist; and Miss Ruth Jones, the society editor of The Times.

These decided the contest by the process of elimination, with five contestants first remaining as favorites. Nevertheless, five additional possible winners were invited to the hotel for a personal view.

Miss Mackaye could not be present to see the candidates in person, but she had joined Mrs. Hemmick and the other judges in selecting Miss Purcell's photograph a few days previously. At the end the judges agreed upon Miss Purcell both from viewing photographs and judgment through a personal interview.

Led in Both Particulars.
Although the personal inspection was not promised under the conditions of the contest, the judges and The Times thought that after narrowing the contest down to a few girls the award could be better made by comparing both photographs and originals. That Miss Purcell led in both ways is an additional source of gratification to her.

The Times is pleased with the general interest taken in the contest, which has been a most successful one. Girls from every section of the city, and from the several walks of life, were contestants in an open-to-all competition. Miss Purcell won over many beautiful girls and goes to the exposition as the representative of the beauty of the National Capital.

Mrs. Hemmick has invited Miss Purcell to take part in the peace tableaux, "The Awakening," which will be staged on the Monument Grounds on Decoration Day.

SIX JITNEY ROUTES TO START THURSDAY

Fifty Cars of All Descriptions
Will Be Put in Operation,
Says Barry Bulkley.

Jitney service on six routes, with fifty cars in operation, will be started in Washington next Thursday, according to the statement of Barry Bulkley, president of the Washington Jitney Bus Company.

In making this announcement Mr. Bulkley said it was hoped to start service in Washington, May 1, with new cars specially designed, but that the company was disappointed by the manufacturers, who had done nothing but make promises.

Consequently he says service on experimental routes will be started with cars of all descriptions that are available. These routes are as follows:

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avenue, east on Pennsylvania avenue to Seventeenth street and return.
Route No. 3—Starting at Florida avenue northwest and Seventh street west on E street to Eighth street west on Eighth street to Public Library west on Ninth street, down Ninth street to Louisiana avenue and return.
Route No. 4—Starting at Fifteenth and I streets northeast, west on Maryland avenue, to N street, south on N street to navy yard and return.
Route No. 5—Starting at Ninth and Maryland avenue northeast, west on I street, to Union Station from Union Station west via E street to Sixth street northwest, south on Sixth street to H street, west on H street to Fourteenth street, south on Fourteenth street to Bureau of Engraving and Printing and return.
Route No. 6—Starting at Fourteenth and H streets northwest, east on H street to Sixth street northwest, north on Sixth street to New York avenue east on New York avenue to Fifteenth and H streets northeast and return.

Pastor, Aged 98, Walks
Two Miles to Preach

PITTSBURGH, May 15.—Rev. Albin Vogel, ninety-eight, walked into Carle from the home of a friend, two miles distant, and preached the evening sermon to a wondering congregation in the Carle Methodist Episcopal Church.

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